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TAGS: OVIP (MR. AND MRS. ABOU WAZIA)

SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. BY MR. AND MRS. ABOU WAZIA

1. AMBASSADOR GHORBAL TELEPHONED FROM NYC APRIL 17 TO ASK IF WE AWARE OF TRAVEL PLANS OF MR. ABOU WAZIA AND HIS WIFE WHO IS SISTER OF MRS. SADAT. ACCORDING GHORBAL, ABOU WAZIA WAS TO TRANSIT NYC APRIL 17 ENROUTE TO MEXICO CITY. HE WAS TO RETURN TO NYC APRIL 24 TO MEET HIS WIFE WHO, ACCOMPANIED BY DOCTOR, WAS TO ARRIVE THAT DAY FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT IN NYC. GHORBAL HAD NOT RECEIVED FINAL FLIGHT DATA FROM CAIRO ON ABOU WAZIA AND IN CHECKING WITH AIRLINES HE WAS ALSO UNSUCCESSFUL IN LEARNING WHEN ABOU WAZIA WOULD ARRIVE NYC.

2. GHORBAL SAID ABOU WAZIA WAS SCHEDULED YEAR AGO TO ACCOMPANY PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO U.S. BUT CANCELLED OUT AT LAST MINUTE WHEN EGYPTIAN SECURITY SERVICES LEARNED "PALESTINIANS" INTENDED TO TRY TO ASSASSINATE HIM IN NYC. IN VIEW THIS EARLIER EXPERIENCE, GHORBAL SAID, ABOU WAZIA HAD REPORTEDLY SPOKEN TO PM SALIM TO REQUEST HE ASK AMB. EILTS TO ARRANGE FOR SECURITY PROTECTION WHILE HE AND HIS WIFE IN NYC.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIPT WHATEVER INFORMATION ON MR.

AND MRS. ABOU WAZIA'S VISIT TO U.S. MAY BE AVAILABLE TO
EMBASSY AND, IF VISIT IN TRAIN, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
HANDLING MR. AND MRS. ABOU WAZIA. ROBINSON

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